Just before the election

WG; There is no single separate story in today's Post, the first time since it broke. I rushed through the paper, skimming. I don't recall a single by-line by those who have been on the story but there is credit in a related are to one or two at the end of a story on campaign contributio: This can mean nothing, or that the hard-working are getting a respite, or that they are working hard but printing nothing because other news pressures would diminish attention. The Post seems to be telegraphing a choice. It has a single editorial on the choice voters face, to be followed by at least one other. It has much on VN I've not been able to read. Lil will clip and I'll send all of it, even a lengthy piece by a staffer on a B52 run...McG's endorsement by the Post at this point will mean nothing in Washington and little in the suburbs. It would mean less elsewhere because of delay and because it is or would be grudging, reluctant...I have not been able to keep up with the "peace" detail, and I doubt all of it has appeared. I believe it possible that key things have not and certain that Kissinger and all others have pretended honesty and forthrightness to cloak basic dishonesty and misrepresentation. I do not believe the NVN offered anything both significant and new, no radical change. I consider it not unlikely that today's terms may be less favorable from the official US position that were available earlier. What I do think likely, and it is here I solicit your view, is that Nixon et al were forced to grab because of the building pressures of the scandals. I think that the "issue" had "begun to take hold" earlier than the media reported but not earlier than the crooks did; that the crooks were frightened from the first and showed it, knowing the potential, it permeating every administration act and GOP plan (we agreed at points there was close to hysteria); and that there was no other way to make effective counter, to sublimate attention, than with the war. This had the added advantage of seeming to take McG's major issue from him, indeed, what his enemies had pretended was his only issue. Without knowing the details, I can easily believe that US will sign Tuesday and nothing will happen because Thieu will not. By then the election will be past and Nixon will get credit for a big success. After election day the real situation on the war and its end can be worse if Nixon wins. He'll have the eaten cake...You (pl) have probably kept up with disclosed details and you can better fill in what is missing in them and then put it all together. So, what I ask when you have time is an evaluation of my belief that the present "peace" situation was forced on not sought by Nixon by the scandals. Not time-taking detail, just your belief. I'll file it with WG and enclose my carbon for return with your answer whenever you can answer so they'll be together in what is now an enormous file.... There was no CBS instalment on their expose last night and I doubt there will be today or night because they have pre-empted their usual 6 p.m. news with election stuff for some time. The only CNS net news of which I'm aware Sunday's is 15 mins. at 11 p.m. Thanks, HW